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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NAMES RELATIVE AS NEW CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER

1. ALL DAILIES REPORTED ON FRONT PAGE THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS NAMED COL. RAMON FAROLAN AS THE NEW ACTING COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS IN PLACE OF ALFREDO PIO DE RODA, JR. COL. FAROLAN IS A SON OF AMBASSADOR MODESTO FAROLAN, GOP ENVOY TO JAKARTA AND AN UNCLE TO THE PRESIDENT. A 1956 GRADUATE OF THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY, COL. FAROLAN HAS BEEN MILITARY SUPERVISOR OF THE MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CUSTOMS INTELLIGENCE AND QUARANTINE SECTION SINCE 1972. HE HAS ALSO SERVED THREE YEARS AS MILITARY ATTACHE IN BANGKOK.

2. PIO DE RODA HAS LONG WANTED TO GIVE UP THE CUSTOMS POST WHICH HE ASSUMED IN SEPTEMBER 1975. HE WILL NOW DEVOTE FULL TIME TO HIS REGULAR JOB AS UNDERSECRETARY OF FINANCE. HIS PREDECESSOR IN THE CUSTOMS POST, ROLANDO GEOTINA, WAS ONE OF THE MORE PROMINENT OFFICIALS PUBLICLY PURGED BY PRESIDENT MARCOS IN HIS FAMOUS LUNETTA SPEECH ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1975, THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW. GEOTINA WAS NOTED FOR HIS CORRUPTION.

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3. PRESIDENT MARCOS ALSO NAMED AT THE SAME TIME A NEW DEPUTY, PORT OF MANILA CUSTOMS COLLECTOR CESAR DARIO, IN PLACE OF PEDRO C. MENDOZA. DARIO IS A CAREER CUSTOMS OFFICER WHO ROSE FROM THE RANKS.

4. COL. FAROLAN HAS A REPUTATION OF EFFICIENCY AND

INTEGRITY, AND THE PRESIDENT IN ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT, STRESSED THE NEED FOR DISCIPLINE IN THE BUREAU AND LOOKED TO COL. FARLOAN TO PROVIDE IT. THE TWO APPOINTMENTS CAME AT A TIME OF RENEWED PUBLICITY OVER CORRUPTION AMONG CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

5. COMMENT: THE LIKELIHOOD OF A MORE EFFICIENT CUSTOMS BUREAU IS ENHANCED, BUT THE PROSPECTS FOR A CLEANUP REMAIN TO BE SEEN.
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